



IGNITING FLAMES OF HOPE

'And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within.'
Zechariah 2:5

Annual Banquet

Our annual banquet was a tremendous success again this year. We want to thank all of you that gave so generously so we can continue to bless the youth and families of Davie.



The highlight of this year's event was the performance of two short dramas by sixteen students from the Firewall After-School Program. They worked very hard rehearsing and perfecting the two skits over a five week period and like proud parents we can gloat over how wonderful they were on that night. It is always so satisfying to see the impact we are having on young lives through our programs.

The evening also included the personal testimonies of two of our students who shared with the audience how much Firewall has meant to them academically, emotionally, and spiritually. These youth like so many others that come through our doors were lost and trying to find happiness in all the wrong places. We reached out to them through the love of Christ and showed them the great purpose God has for each one of them and they have continued to follow the right path on a daily basis. There are always rough spots for the youth we minister to as their daily lives are filled with difficult family situations and constant temptation but through Christ and our daily presence they are able to overcome.

This year we had one of our Firewall parents come and speak to the blessing our ministry has been to her life and that of her two teens in the program. She is a single mom of four children with limited English skills and she emotionally shared how grateful she is for the daily help we are able to provide to her kids. Although Firewall's main focus



continues to be the youth of the area, through our programs we impact the entire family. Our purpose is to minister to each life according to their need and thus see how God's mercy and grace can have a transforming effect on an entire family and eventually the community as a whole.

Youth Outing: Baptism at the Beach

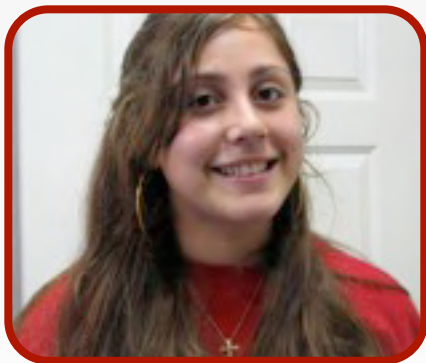
We prayed for sunny skies and a cool breeze and for the most part God granted our request. Youth and their families (43 in all) joined Firewall to celebrate as four young adults publicly proclaimed their faith through baptism in the Atlantic Ocean. This event took place on Saturday the 29th and it is amazing to realize that since April we have baptized 19 teenagers. God is truly using our ministry to do a great work in the lives of these young people.

After the baptism and eating enough hot dogs for a month the youth decided the best way to cool off was to head back into the water. They tried to drown poor Ms. Hannah, but thanks to her quick thinking and a little prayer she was able to get away every time! A great time was had by all.



At about the time everyone was worn out and heading back to their towels for an afternoon nap, dark clouds appeared on the horizon. As Pastor Andy and Pastor Ron started talking about packing up the food and game equipment, suddenly a major squall blew through our camp. A violent wind and major rain started pelting us from all angles. It was awesome to see our youth leadership step up to the plate and prove they are prepared to

handle any obstacle that comes their way. They helped usher all the other youth to the bus, made sure everyone's belongings (including the precious food!) and all the equipment were put away safely. All this was completed while they were being soaked to the bone by the sudden storm. Thankfully, everyone survived unscathed and although blue skies appeared again as we were driving back to our building it was definitely time to call it a day.



Student Corner

I consider Firewall my second home! They have never given up on me even when my choices were not the best. They have shown me how much God loves me and that he won't give up on me either. Thanks to Firewall, I was able to go to camp last summer and there I rededicated my life to God and was filled with the Holy Spirit. If Firewall wasn't here for me, I

really don't know where my life would be. Firewall is not only a blessing to me but to my family and the entire trailer park community. Currently I am involved in the multimedia program and part of the leadership team. My life will never be the same.

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who financially support and pray for this ministry. May God bless you for all that you do for His kingdom.



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